

**REMARKS**

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2005.

Claims 1-24 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the current Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that Claims 1-24 are subject to restriction in accordance with one of the following two groups:

- I. Claims 1-8, and 23, drawn to a method for combining plurality of images using shifting image technique, classified in class 348, subclass 218.1; and
- II. Claims 9-16, 17-21, and 24, drawn to a method for combining plurality of images, which produces panoramic image, using stretching image technique, classified in class 348, subclass 36.

Applicant elects, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-8, 23, and, per the Examiner's instructions by telephone on November 30, 2005, linking claim 22, from which claim 23 depends. Please withdraw Claims 9-21 and 24 without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute withdrawn Claims 9-21 and 24 in divisional and/or continuation applications as well as appeal restricted claims.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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